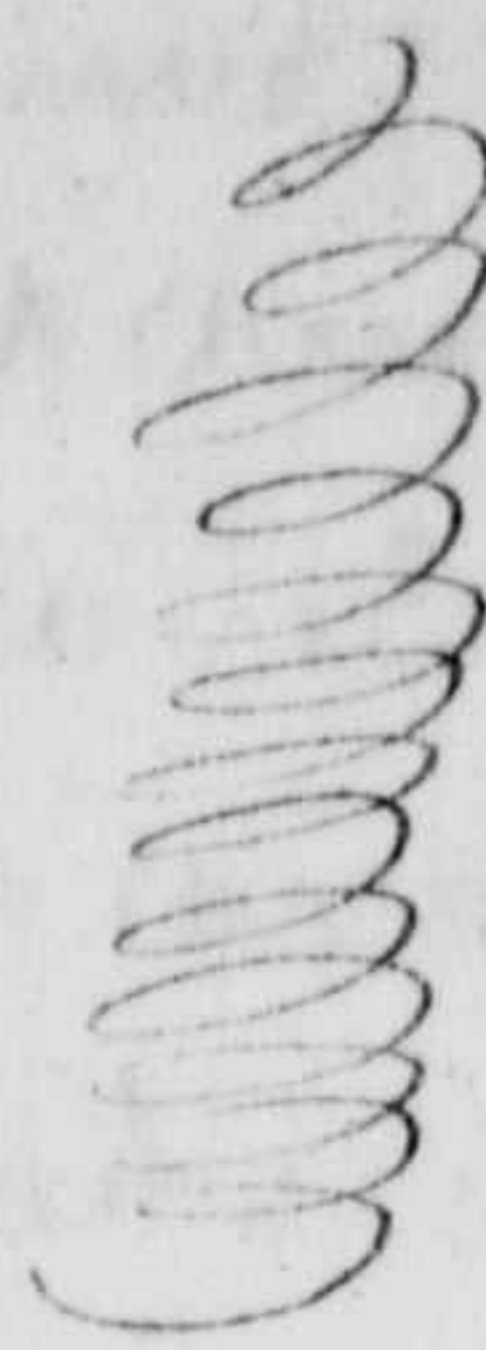



day of July in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six.


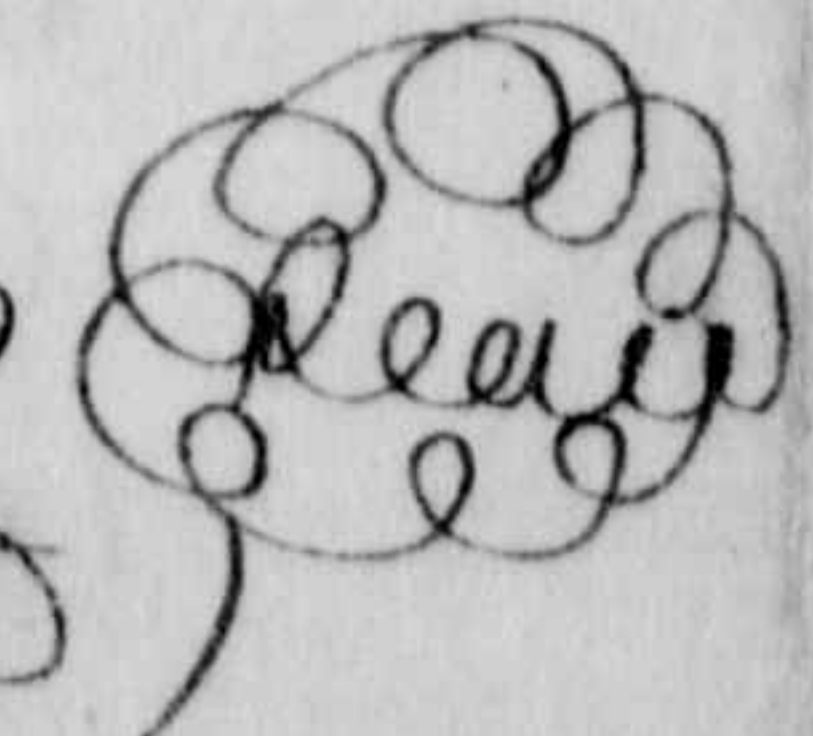
Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of
Gerrard & Snowden
Richard P Snowden

 J R Hopkins 

On the back of the aforesaid deed was thus written to wit
Anne Arundel County. On this 24th day of July 1820
personally appears Joseph R Hopkins party to the within
instrument of writing before me the subscriber a Justice of the
peace of the State of Maryland for said County and acknowledges
the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned
I desire the same may be received as such
Witness my hand Gerrard & Snowden
2nd Received the 25th day of August 1820

This Indenture Witnesseth that I Frederick Wells of
Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland for and in
consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars current money
to me in hand paid at and before the enacting and delivery
of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
have released from slavery manumitted and set free and
by these presents do release from slavery manumitted and set
free my negro man named Richard Lewis being under
forty five years of age of a healthy Constitution sound in
mind and body and capable by labour to procure to him
sufficient food and raiment with other requisite necessaries
of life. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal the ninth day of September
eighteen hundred and twenty six

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
James Hunter. Wm Glover

 Frederick Wells 
(At)